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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park  
P.O. Box 577  
Yosemite, California 95389

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September 9, 2003

Dear Yosemite Friends:

On behalf of the National Park Service, I am pleased to present the *Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment Environmental Assessment*. The project is located in Yosemite Valley and includes a comprehensive redevelopment of the entire Yosemite Lodge area consistent with the *General Management Plan* and *Yosemite Valley Plan*.

This environmental assessment includes several distinct projects: the redevelopment of Yosemite Lodge, redesign of Camp 4 walk-in campground, and the relocation of Northside Drive. This environmental assessment also includes development of the Indian Cultural Center within Yosemite Valley, which is being undertaken by the National Park Service in partnership with the American Indian Council of Mariposa County (aka Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation). The distinct project elements have been collectively analyzed to assess the overall environmental impacts that would occur upon project implementation.

Public and agency participation has been a key element throughout this planning process. Yosemite National Park held public scoping and informal meetings throughout 2002 and 2003 to solicit ideas and concerns from park visitors, staff, American Indian groups, scientists, park partner organizations, and government agencies. The planning team reviewed public comments and identified a range of issues and concerns. This information was used to develop the alternatives and analysis in this environmental assessment.

There will be a 30-day comment period on the environmental assessment. If the environmental assessment and a Finding of No Significant Impact are approved, project construction is expected to take place from spring 2004 through fall 2016.

We appreciate your interest in this planning effort and welcome your participation. Comments must be submitted in writing by October 11, 2003 and may be sent to:

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ATTN.: Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment  
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Written comments will also be accepted at the National Park Service planning meeting held on September 24, 2003 (2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center East Auditorium. Planning teams will be on hand to answer questions and provide more information regarding the Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment as well as several other Yosemite National Park planning efforts.

This document can be reviewed online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planning](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planning). To request a printed copy, refer to the information directly above or phone 209/379-1365.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Tollefson  
Superintendent